## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## METHOD FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK

## [0001] TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is related to an architecture for conducting a contest. In one aspect, it relates to a method for conducting a contest using a network.

## **10002** CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a Continuation application of pending U. S. Patent

Application Serial No. 09/594,292, filed on June 15, 2000, entitled "METHOD FOR.

The Was 100 fent to 15, 2000, entitled "METHOD FOR.

CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK", which is a Continuation-In
Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/568,754 entitled "METHOD

AND SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK" filed

The Was 11, 2000, which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application

Serial No. 09/378,221 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING

A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE" filed August 19,

1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of the following two U.S. Patent Applications:

Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED

PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A

GLOBAL NETWORK" filed September 11, 1998, and Serial No. 09/151,530 entitled
"METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A